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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT OPENING CREATED BY BILLINGTON'S DISCUSSION WITH DOLGIKH ON ARCHIVAL ACCESS IS ONE WHICH SHOULD BE EXPLOITED, AND HAS PASSED ON TO IREX, WITH OUR ENDORSEMENT, EMBASSY REQUESTS IN PARA 13 OF REFTEL. IREX MATUSZEWSKI) HAS PROMISED CATALOGUE OF PAST ARCHIVAL ACCESS TURN-DOWNS AS DESCRIBED PARA 13 REFTEL WITHIN TWO WEEKS. DEPARTMENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO TRANSMIT THE LIST BY CABLE IF IT DOES NOT PROVE TOO UNWIELDY.

2. MATUSZEWSKI ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE TO THE EMBASSY A LIST OF ARCHIVAL REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1977-78 AS SOON AS AVAILABLE PROBABLY SOME TIME IN JANUARY). MATUSZEWSKI WAXED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DEALING DIRECTLY WITH THE MAIN ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION,
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AS SUGGESTED BY THE EMBASSY. OUR RE-READING OF REFTEL

GIVES US NO ASSURANCE, HOWEVER, THAT MAA ITSELF HAS
AGREED TO SUCH A PROCEDURE. REQUEST EMBASSY CLARIFICATION.

3. DOLGIKH'S CLAIMED INNOCENCE ON THE ACCESS ISSUE
PARA 6 REFTE APPEARS AT BEST INGENUOUS. WHILE WE
WERE UNABLE TO MOUNT CONCERTED EFFORT TO DISCUSS THE
QUESTION WITH HIM DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, BOTH THE
KENNAN INSTITUTE'S FRED STARR AND IREX'S MATUSZEWSKI
HAD OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS UPON HIM, WITH AS MUCH
FORCE AS TACT WOULD ALLOW, THE GROWING CONCERN IN THE
ACADEMIC COMMUNITY OVER THE ACCESS ISSUE. HE COULD
NOT HAVE REMAINED UNAWARE OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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